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SUBJECT: TURKISH POSITION AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS
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1. ACCORDING TO A MFA OFFICIAL, THE GREEKS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY ARAB GOVTS THAT THE TURKISH POSITION AT THE RECENT ISLAMIC FONMIN CONFERENCE WAS ENTIRELY SUPPORTIVE OF ARAB POSITIONS, INCLUDING THE RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UN. THIS INFORMATION WAS VOLUNTEERED TO EMBOFFS DURING A COURTESY CALL JULY 23 ON THE MFA OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR CYPRUS AFFAIRS.

2. WHEN THE EMBOFFS COUNTERED WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TURKISH POSITION, THE GREEK OFFICIAL INSISTED THAT THIS WAS NOT CORRECT, ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION. HE SAID THAT ARAB GOVTS, AND HE SPECIFICALLY
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MENTIONED SYRIA AND ALGERIA, HAVE INFORMED THE GOG THAT

THE TURKS FULLY BACKED THE ENTIRE ARAB POSITION AT JIDDA.

3. THE ARABS MAINTAINED THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS BY THE CONFERENCE AND NOT BY VOTE. THE ARABS TOLD THE GREEKS THAT THOSE WHO DID NOT SPECIFICALLY AND EXPLICITLY EXPRESS ANY DIFFERENCES WITH THE CONSENSUS ARE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE CONSENSUS. ACCORDING TO THESE ARABS GOT REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT WHEN THE FINAL CONSENSUS WAS ESTABLISHED AND DID NOT STATE ANY OBJECTIONS. THEREFORE, THE ARABS ARGUE TO THE GREEKS, THE GOT IS FULLY ON BOARD, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN.

4. COMMENT: THIS GOG INTERPRETATION OF THE TURKISH POSITION MAY BE SELF-SERVING. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE GREEK OFFICIAL WAS CANDIDLY REPEATING TO US WHAT THE GOG IS HEARING FROM THE ARABS.
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